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Mail Stop Patent Application 15915 U.S. PTO Atty. Dkt.: 2551-130
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 Date: October 16, 2003

Sir:

Attached for filing is the patent application of:

Inventor: MAERTENS et al.

Entitled: MULTI-MER PEPTIDES DERIVED FROM HEPATITIS C VIRUS ENVELOPE PROTEINS FOR
 DIAGNOSTIC USE AND VACCINATION PURPOSES

and including attachments as noted below:

- ☐ Newly executed Declaration, ☒ Copy of Declaration from prior application, ☐ Abstract
☐ Please **delete** the following inventors in the continuation/division/continuation-in-part application:

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44 pages of specification and claims (including 22 numbered claims), and
 4 sheets of accompanying drawing/s.

☐ Record the attached assignment to _____, _____ and return to the undersigned.

☐ Attached is a Power of Attorney.

☒ Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on the following foreign applications:

Application Number

97870179.5

Country

EP

Day/Month/Year Filed

6 November 1997

PCT/EP98/07105

6 November 1998

, respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application..

☐ Certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s) is/are attached.

☒ Certified copy(ies) filed on August 2, 2000 in prior appln. no. 09/566,266 filed May 5, 2000

☐ This application claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. _____, filed _____, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.

☒ This application is a ☐ continuation/☒ division/☐ continuation-in-part of Application No. 09/566,266, filed May 5, 2000, which is a continuation of PCT/EP98/07105, filed November 6, 1998, which designated the U.S., the entire content of each of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.

☐ Petition filed in prior application to extend its life to insure co-pendency.

☒ The prior application is assigned to N.V. INNOGENETICS S.A., Ghent, Belgium.

☒ It is hereby requested that the Examiner consider the art cited in the parent application by applicant and/or the Examiner for the reasons stated therein. A listing of that art is attached.

☐ Applicant claims "small entity" status. ☐ "Small entity" statement attached.

☒ Please enter the attached and/or below preliminary amendment **prior** to calculation of filing fee:

☒ Also attached: ☒ Information Disclosure Statement; ☒ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission; ☒ Other: Request; Paper Copy of Sequence Listing; Information Disclosure Statement; PTO-1449 Form; Copy of International Search Report

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Basic Filing Fee		\$	770.00
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Independent claims	5 - 3 (at least 3) = 2	x \$ 86.00	\$ 172.00
If any proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, add \$290.00 (ignore improper)			\$ 290.00
		SUBTOTAL	\$ 1322.00
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